Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has my question anything to do with the Paramount Power? My question was for information regarding the expenses for the Bolghatti Residency.

President.—Will you please explain the matter, Mr. Vengu Ayyar?

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—A point of order, Sir. If they cannot come in accordance with the rules, they should not have been answered at all, but disallowed.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do not think there is a ruling, Sir. An answer to the question is given, and supplementary questions can arise from that.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There is some sort of agreement between the British Government and the Cochin Darbar regarding the repairs and works to be undertaken in the Bolghatti Residency. It is under that special agreement that these works and repairs are done by our State.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—We do not take any objection to that; but we want to know the amount of expenditure.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—If questions are not allowed in respect of such matters where the answer is harmful, and if such answers as the one given here are not relevant, I think we have not to consider that quistion at all. The question must be ruled out. But here the question is allowed, and an answer is given. When the question is once printed, it means that the question is allowed.

President.—And the Government Member has now answered why these works are undertaken. And now, I say that it is a matter covered by the agreement between our Darbar and the British Government, and no further questions can be asked.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Then, the question should not have been printed and published.

President.—If that is your view, you may leave it out. It was an oversight. Supposing we have allowed a question by an oversight, we can rectify that mistake. You are labouring under the impression that the Government is infallible.

Certain petitions against the Nambudiri Kudumba Bill.

134. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they received the communication registered and addressed to the Diwan from the Ollur Anchal Office, vide

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No. 475 dated 10th Karkadagam 1100, from the Nambudiries protesting against the Nambudiri Regulation, etc.;

(b) whether they have come to know of a similar petition submitted to His Highness the Maharaja by them on the same date under another registered cover;

(c) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for the Diwan—President's reply stating that the Government have not received any such petition during the Kumbham session of the Council in 1101, when the matter was being talked?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The President only stated that he did not remember having received any such petition. The petitions were received in Karkadagam 1100, more than 6 months before the Bill itself was brought to the notice of the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The matter was discussed here in this Council, and the President remarked that he did not remember, and now the answer is that the Government have received such petitions. I ask this question simply to point out that the petitions were sent.

President.—I said I did not remember petitions having been received. It was wrong. I am a human being like any one of you and capable of committing mistakes. I remember a particular thing, and on enquiry it is found to be not true. So my memory could not be relied on in that particular matter. That is a failing which I share with all human beings.

Government servants and joint stock companies.

135. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether Government servants are allowed to float joint stock companies, taking a prominent part therein or to be Directors in them;

(2) whether any of the Government servants are Directors in any of the joint stock companies or whether they were during the past year; if so, the names of those with the companies with which they were associated?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) The Member is referred to S. O. No. 57.

(2) Vide statement appended. (*Appendix V.*)

Accommodation in the Irinjalakkuda Courts.

136. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the insufficient accommodation at the Irinjalakkuda Law Courts has been brought to their notice;

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